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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Contracts, International Law, International Commercial Law, International Human Rights, International Trade and Commerce, Administrative Law, criminal law
 - Has taught abroad at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia and Universidad de Palermo Maestria en Derecho in Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - Widely published in premiere legal publications such as the *Emory Law Journal*, the *Chicago Journal of International Law*, and the *Yale Journal of International Law*.
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Areas of Expertise

- International Law
 - International Trade
 - International Finance
 - Private Lawmaking
 - Local Climate Change Initiatives with Transnational Impact
 - Consular Notification and Treaty Enforcement
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught - Civil Procedure, Evidence, Intellectual Property, Internet Law, Patent Law, Law & Economics, Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy
 - Published numerous legal articles and several books
 - Reporter - Committees for Oklahoma Uniform Jury Instructions for Civil, Criminal and Juvenile Cases
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Areas of Expertise

- Oklahoma Civil Procedure
 - Intellectual Property Law
 - Internet Law
 - Federal Civil Procedure
 - Digital Forensics
 - Criminal Sentencing
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Background

- Course Routinely Taught - Constitutional Law, Water Law, Environmental Law, Public Utilities, Administrative Law, Hazardous Substances Control
 - Served as Special Counsel to Oklahoma Corporation Commission, provided advice Black Fox nuclear power plant approval
 - Fellow of the National Energy/Environmental Law & Policy Institute
 - Democratic Party nominee for First District Congressman (1986)
 - Oklahoma First District Democratic Party Chair (1989-1991)
 - Winner of the Marion Opala First Amendment Award, presented by Freedom of Information Oklahoma, Inc., in recognition of appellate work in attacking several non-progressive Initiative Petitions and many years of advocacy for Free Speech, Church/State Separation, and Equal Rights for all regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity or sexual preference
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Areas of Expertise

- Constitutional Law
 - Free Speech, Church & State and Equal Protection issues
 - Water Rights and Environmental issues
 - Election Law
 - Sexual Orientation and the Law
 - Education and the Constitution
 - Energy Law
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Professional Responsibility, Criminal Law, Disability Rights Law
 - Commissioner on the ABA's Commission on Physical and Mental Disability Law
 - Recognized in 2002 by the American Association of People with Disabilities as an emerging leader in disability rights
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Areas of Expertise

- Disability
 - Employment Discrimination
 - Food and Animal Law
 - Feminist Legal Theory
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Evidence, Evidence Workshop, Criminal Procedure – Police Practices
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Areas of Expertise

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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Civil Procedure, Family Law, Comparative and International Family Law
 - Co-author of first American international and comparative law casebook
 - Director of Study Abroad
 - Author of chapter in the primary U.S. adoption law treatise on liability of adoption intermediaries for non-disclosure of health-related information
 - Active member of Oklahoma's Adoption Law Reform Committee, which drafted Oklahoma's Adoption Code (1995-1998)
 - Published numerous legal articles in the area of family law
 - Chair, Family and Juvenile Law Section, Association of American Law Schools (1996)
 - Recipient of teaching awards in 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992
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Areas of Expertise

- International Adoption
 - Adoption - Disclosure of Identifying and Health-related Information
 - International Custody, Marriage and Divorce
 - Comparative Family Law
 - Adoption Law
 - Family Law
 - Civil Procedure
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Civil Procedure, Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice, 1999 - 2004
 - Is a longstanding member of the Oklahoma Supreme Court Standing Committee to Monitor, Update and Revise the Oklahoma Civil Jury Instructions
 - Was recognized in 2000 as Oklahoma Appellate Judge of the Year
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Areas of Expertise

- Civil Procedure
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - Jury Instruction
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Contracts, State Administrative Law
 - State Treasurer of Oklahoma, 1995-2005
 - Assistant Attorney General, State of Oklahoma, 1987-1993
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Areas of Expertise

- Law School Administration
 - State and Local Government Law
 - Contracts
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Torts, Advanced Torts – Health Law, Comparative Bioethics and the Law, Health Care Organizations Law, Property Law, Constitutional Law
 - Director of the Health Law Certificate Program
 - Member of the Board of Advisors of the Oklahoma Center for Consumer and Patient Safety
 - Member of the Planning Committee for The University of Tulsa Institute for BioMolecular Research.
 - Authored article on the rights of the terminally ill which was cited by Chief Justice Rehnquist in the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark "right to die" decision, Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Department of Health.
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Areas of Expertise

- End-of-Life Care – Legal and Ethics Issues
 - Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly
 - Medical Errors and Physician Apology Laws
 - Jewish Medical Ethics
 - Genetic Testing
 - Informed Consent to Medical Treatment
 - Long Term Care
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Sentencing, White Collar Crime, Philosophy of Law
 - Was recognized with The University of Tulsa Outstanding Teacher Award in 2007
 - Received a Humboldt Research Fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.
 - Serves as Faculty Advisor for the Tulsa Law Review
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Areas of Expertise

- Criminal Law
 - Criminal Procedure
 - Sentencing
 - White Collar Crime
 - Philosophy of Law
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Background

- Supervises the Social Enterprise & Economic Development (SEED) Law Project
 - Executive Committee Member of the Community Action Project of Tulsa County
 - Executive Committee Member of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Civil Rights
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Areas of Expertise

- Revitalization of inner-city and underserved communities
 - Examining the impact of law in transactional advocacy for the public's interest
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Professor Cathy Cullem

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 - B.A. Long Island University, 1977
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Criminal Law, Legal Reasoning and Writing, Advanced Legal Writing
 - Recognized in 2005 with the Presidential Distinguished Service award by The University of Tulsa
 - Member of the Association of Legal Writing Directors
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Areas of Expertise

- Criminal Law
 - Legal Writing and Reasoning
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Introduction to Legal Research
 - Ducey has been recognized with the University of Tulsa Outstanding Teaching Award (2000) and with the Western Connecticut State University Centennial Award of Excellence (2002)
 - Pioneered one-on-one skills assessments tests for first-year students to guarantee proficiency in legal research and writing
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Areas of Expertise

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 - Legal Authorities / Legal Research
 - Library Design and Planning
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Education

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 - B.A. – University of Wisconsin, 1982
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Capital Punishment, Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, and Federal Courts
 - Served as law clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge Bana Roberts of the District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma and as senior law clerk for Judge Charles Chapel of the Oklahoma Criminal Court of appeals
 - Served as assistant appellate public defender for the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System from 1990 to 1993
 - Received The University of Tulsa Outstanding Professor award, 2005
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Areas of Expertise

- Capital Punishment
 - Constitutional Law
 - Criminal Law
 - Federal Habeas Corpus
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Banking Law, Commercial Law Seminar, Consumer Credit, Negotiable Instruments, Secured Transactions, Selling and Leasing Goods
 - Served as a TU law professor for 35 years
 - Member of the American Bars Association Section of Legal Education, Section of Business Law, and Uniform Commercial Code Committee
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Areas of Expertise

- Uniform Commercial Code
 - Secured Transactions Law
 - Negotiable Instruments Law
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Legal Writing
 - Was a partner of Tulsa law firm Clark & Hutchinson, 1998 - 2001
 - Serves as faculty advisor for law school's award-winning Board of Advocates moot court teams
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Areas of Expertise

- Legal Reasoning
 - Analysis and Writing
 - Advanced Legal Writing
 - Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating
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Education

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 - M.A. - University of Illinois at Chicago
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught - employment law, employment discrimination law, alternative dispute resolution, and mediation
 - An arbitrator for the National Association of Securities Dealers and the Better Business Bureau
 - Faculty Adviser for the Student Bar Association
 - Past litigator in Tulsa, concentrating on employment law issues
 - Author of articles on workplace disability and sexual harassment issues and on employment issues affecting Indian tribes
 - Contributing author to 2005 edition of Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law
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Areas of Expertise

- Employment law
 - Arbitration and mediation
 - Student wellness issues
 - Employment issues affecting Indian tribes
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Education

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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Property, Natural Resources: Public Lands, Energy Policy, International Environmental Law; Oil and Gas Law, Environmental Law, Administrative Policy
 - Past attorney for the Department of Interior based in Denver, Colorado, primarily representing the Bureau of Land Management in environmental and resource matters
 - Author of a text book entitled *ENERGY POLICY: the REEL WORLD: Cases and Materials on Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law* (Carolina Academic Press: 2001)
 - Co-author of *Energy Law and Policy for the 21st Century* (Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation: 2000)
 - Fellow of the National Energy/Environmental Law & Policy Institute
 - Author of numerous article relating to constitutional law (takings and commerce clause jurisprudence), public land law, natural resources and energy law
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Areas of Expertise

- 5th Amendment "Takings" Law
 - Eminent domain and regulatory takings
 - Energy law
 - General issues regarding environmental and natural resources law
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Education

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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Immigrant Rights Project
 - Developed and currently directs the Immigrant Rights Project
 - Served as senior editor of the *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*
 - Serves as faculty advisor for the Hispanic Law Students Association
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Areas of Expertise

- Clinical Legal Education
 - Immigration Law
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Torts, Agency/Partnership, Civil Rights, Advanced Torts, Insurance Law, Corporations
 - Recognized with The University of Tulsa's Outstanding Teacher Award, 2001
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Areas of Expertise

- Insurance Law
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Legal Reasoning, Analysis and Writing, Advanced Research Strategy
 - Served as law clerk for the Honorable H. Dale Cook, United States district Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma
 - Was recognized with the TU College of Law's Outstanding Adjunct Professor award, 2000
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Areas of Expertise

- Legal Reasoning
 - Analysis and Writing
 - Advanced Research Strategy
 - Mediation
 - Pretrial Practice
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Education

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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Evidence, Scientific Evidence, Civil Procedure, Basic Corporate Law, Commercial Speech
 - Participated in amicus briefs for the National Association of Criminal Defense lawyers in a civil forfeiture case in 1996 and for the Sierra Club in the Nike v. Kasky commercial speech case in 2003.
 - Author of numerous article relating to commercial and corporate speech
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Areas of Expertise

- Commercial Speech and the First Amendment
 - Corporate Law
 - Scientific Evidence and Forensic Science issues
 - Civil Forfeiture
 - Criminal Procedure
 - Criminal Law
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Education

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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Indian Gaming Law, Tribal Government, Native American and Indigenous Rights, Constitutional Law
 - Tribal Attorney for various Tribes and litigator, 1978-1994
 - Argued Oklahoma Tax Commission against The Sac and Fox Nation in the Supreme Court of the United States (1993); participated with Amicus Briefs in numerous Indian Law Cases; argued cases in the 10th Circuit.
 - Author of numerous articles and other published works relating to Indian and Indigenous Law
 - Numerous Tribal appointments and positions for various Tribes over the years.
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Areas of Expertise

- Federal Indian Law
 - Tribal Indian Law
 - International Indigenous Law
 - Indian Gaming Law
 - Indian Gaming
 - Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act
 - Indian Reorganization Act
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 - B.A. – University of Wisconsin, 1973
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Federal Indian Law, Native American Natural Resources Law, Civil Procedure, Administrative Law
 - Co-director of the Native American Law Center
 - Faculty advisor for the Native American Law Students Association
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Areas of Expertise

- American Indian Law
 - Water Rights
 - Natural Resources
 - Environmental Protection
 - Land Rights
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Education

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 - B.A. – University of Kansas, 1969
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Environmental Law, International Environmental Law, Commercial Law, Professional Responsibility
 - Published book on Ethics Issues in Environmental Law
 - Member of ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility
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Areas of Expertise

- Environmental Law & Natural Resources
 - Energy Policy
 - Professional Responsibility & Ethics
 - Contracts
 - Administrative Law
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 - B.A. – Lawrence University, 1979
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Contracts, Copyright Law, Law and Literature
 - Member of the TU English Faculty, 1988 – 2000, and editor-in-chief of the *James Joyce Quarterly*
 - Served as co-counsel, in conjunction with Stanford Law School's Fair Use Project, for the landmark federal case against the James Joyce estate establishing the rights of an academic to use copyrighted materials in scholarly writings
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Areas of Expertise

- Copyrights and Intellectual Property
 - Media and Entertainment Law
 - Internet Law
 - Obscenity Law and Civil Forfeiture
 - Law and Literature
 - Property
 - Literary and Historical Theory
 - Textual Editing
 - 20th-century War Literature
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Education

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 - B.A. – Princeton University, 1968
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Property, Decedents Estates and Trusts, Federal Taxation of Individuals, Federal Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders, Federal Estate and Gift Taxation
 - Practiced with Doerner Saunders, Daniel & Anderson, LLP, 1971-2006, and continues to consult
 - Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*, 2002-2008
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Areas of Expertise

- Legal relationship in on-line role playing games
 - Taxation of Virtual Property transactions
 - Changing obligations of a decedent to his creditors and family
 - Technological change and the concept of “property”
 - Taxation of internet transactions
 - Modernization of the probate system
 - Estate planning issues raised by assisted reproductive technology
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 - B.S. – University of Alabama
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught – Administrative Law, Labor Law, Legislation, Legal Rights of Children
 - Challenged Oklahoma's H.B. 1804 on grounds it violated state constitution
 - Member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court
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Areas of Expertise

- Labor Law
 - Oklahoma Constitution
 - Immigration Law
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Contracts, Domestic Violence, Professional Responsibility, Gender and the Law, Introduction to Women's Studies (undergrad)
 - Published articles and taught in fields of domestic violence, civil litigation and legal ethics
 - Former Coordinator, Women's Studies Program, University of Tulsa
 - Speaker on domestic violence and legal ethics at academic and practitioner conferences and Continuing Legal Education programs
 - Active in reproductive rights work, including as Board chair of Planned Parenthoods in Albany, NY and Tulsa, OK
 - One of all-time champions on TV game show, "Jeopardy!," including participation in 2002 Million Dollar Masters Tournament
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Areas of Expertise

- Domestic Violence
 - Civil Procedure
 - Profession Responsibility
 - Gender Issues
 - Reproductive Rights
 - Feminism
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Background

- Courses Routinely Taught: Torts, Sports Law, Advanced Torts
 - Lead author of widely used sports law casebook
 - Published numerous law review articles focusing on sports law
 - Faculty Adviser of Sports and Entertainment Law Society
 - Litigated over 60 Title IX (gender equity) law suits
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Areas of Expertise

- Sports law-related topics
 - Title IX (gender equity)
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